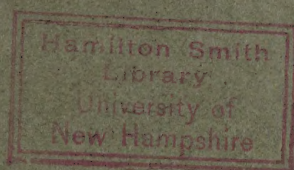


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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF
MERRIMACK, N. H.
1917



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TOWN OFFICERS
AND THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMACK
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Fiscal Year ending Feb. 15,
1917

VITAL STATISTICS
For the Year ending Feb. 15, 1917

Manchester, N. H.
WILLIAMS PRINTING COMPANY
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Town Officers

MODERATOR

NORRIS E. HENDERSON

REPRESENTATIVE

JOHN E. HASELTINE

TOWN CLERK

DAVID R. JONES

TOWN TREASURER

NORRIS E. HENDERSON

SELECTMEN

GEORGE W. CARROLL

J. FOSTER CROSS

HARRY WATKINS

HIGHWAY AGENT

WILLIAM P. MCQUESTION

AUDITORS

JOHN G. READ

CHARLES F. YOUNG

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

HARRISON E. HERRICK

ALBA J. JONES

JOHN G. READ

HEALTH OFFICERS

*CHARLES A. ANDERSON

EDWIN M. PARKER

TAX COLLECTOR

MILES C. COCHRANE

CONSTABLES

FRED J. SHONYO

FRED W. LONGA

GEORGE E. COOK

TOWN SCHOOL BOARD

DAVID R. JONES

EDWIN M. PARKER

MISS CLARISSA W. GRIFFIN

SCHOOL TREASURER

JOSIAH N. HENDERSON

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JOHN E. HASELTINE

MRS. MARGUERETE M. HENDERSON

GEORGE W. DARRAH

LIBRARIAN

MISS EMMA A. CROSS

*Deceased

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

[L. S.] STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Merrimack, in the County of Hillsboro, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Merrimack on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

Art. 1 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 2 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 3 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the repair of highways and bridges.

Art. 4 To see if the town will vote to raise the necessary amount of money to build jointly with the City of Nashua a concrete top on Manchester Road bridge over Pennechuck brook or take any action relating thereto.

*Art. 5 To see if the town will vote to raise the necessary amount of money to build jointly with the City of Nashua the Tinker Road bridge over Pennechuck brook or take any action relating thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the wall at Pole brook and raise or appropriate money for the same.

Art. 7 To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the maintenance of state highways or take any action relating thereto.

Art. 8 To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvements of highways.

Art. 9 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the H. T. I. Blood place (so called) to the McMillan corner or take any action thereto.

Art. 10 To see if the town will vote to increase the amount of insurance on the Town House or take any action thereto.

Art. 11 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the town library.

Art. 12 To see if the town will vote to accept a Memorial Library or take any action relating thereto.

Art. 13 To see if the town will vote to exchange the lot now owned by it for library purposes for another lot or take any action relating thereto.

Art. 14 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the use of James S. Thornton Post, G. A. R., for Memorial Day.

Art. 15 To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on the early payment of taxes and make an appropriation of the same.

Art. 16 To see if the town will vote to appropriate the tax received by the town on the Gage fund from the savings banks for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917, and add the same to the income of said fund.

Art. 17 To see if the town will vote to fix up the Joseph N. Gage lot in Last Rest cemetery and the wall at Reeds Ferry cemetery and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 18 To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money necessary to improve the soldiers' monument lot and also to erect a suitable tablet on the site of the old Town House.

Art. 19 To see if the town will vote to close up the entrance of the ladies' dressing room from the hallway and make an entrance into it from the main hall and raise or appropriate money for the same.

Art. 20 To see if the town will vote to raise the amount of money necessary to pay the interest on the Trust Funds used by the town.

Art. 21 To see if the town will vote to adopt the uniform system of bookkeeping as required by the State Tax Commission and purchase the necessary book and raise or appropriate money for the same.

Art. 22 To see if the town will vote to reduce the town debt or take any action thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen.

GEORGE W. CARROLL
J. FOSTER CROSS
HARRY WATKINS

Selectmen of the Town of Merrimack

A true copy of Warrant—Attest ;

GEORGE W. CARROLL
J. FOSTER CROSS
HARRY WATKINS

Selectmen of the Town of Merrimack.

Selectmen's Report

In accordance with the request of the State Tax Commission this report has been rearranged substantially on the uniform classification recommended by them. The Commission desires that all towns report on this form in order to make satisfactory comparisons.

	VALUATION
Number of acres of resident land 15005	\$ 563885 00
Acres of non-resident land 5489	181215 00
Horses 182	21055 00
Oxen 7	650 00
Cows 356	17405 00
Neat Stock 33	1573 00
Hogs 3	60 00
Fowl 4874	3130 00
Automobiles 44	17600 00
Stock in banks	7300 00
Stock in trade	48350 00
Money at interest	7399 00
Mills and machinery, locks and canals	149100 00
Wood and lumber	5927 00
Portable mill 1	1000 00
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Poll 343	\$ 1025649 00
W. H. McElwain Co.	
State and County assessment only	\$301115 00
Caldwell & Jones	
State and County assessment only	3500 00
D. R. Jones	
State and County assessment only	2000 00

TAXES ASSESSED 1916

State tax 1915	\$ 2392 50
County Tax 1915	1796 99
School tax	2392 50
Extra school money	800 00
Text books and supplies	250 00
Fuel, cleaning, etc.	200 00
Repairs on school house	250 00
Other statutory obligations	300 00
School officers salaries	184 00
McGaw Institute	1200 00
Superintendents Salary	250 00
Nashua tuition	120 00
Flags and poles	25 00
Nashua Grammar school	24 00
Milford tuition	40 00
Savings bank tax	48 63
Town charges	1000 00
Repairs, roads and bridges	1500 00
State highway maintenance	1000 00
Jas. S. Thornton Post, G. A. R.	50 00
Town Library	350 00
Thornton road bridge	1000 00
Permanent Improvements	500 00
To pay on town debt	1000 00

Detailed Statement of Payments

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

G. W. Carroll, services as 1st Selectman	\$ 100 00
J. F. Cross " " 2nd "	90 00
Harry Watkins " " 3rd "	80 00
Harry Watkins " " Auditor	2 00
M. C. Cochrane " " Tax Collector	110 00
D. R. Jones " " Town Clerk	35 00
N. E. Henderson " " Treasurer	60 00
John G. Read " " Auditor	2 00
Emma A. Cross " " Librarian	150 00
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	\$ 629 00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES

John G. Read, supervisor	\$ 30 00
A. J. Jones "	30 00
H. E. Herrick "	30 00
Francis E. Hadley, ballot clerk	2 00
John E. Read " "	6 00
Edw. G. Cook " "	6 00
Harry Watkins " "	2 00
Geo. W. Kimball " "	4 00
C. H. Wright " "	4 00
Fred W. Longa, constable attendance	6 00
Fred J. Shonyo " "	6 00
E. C. Eastman, election warrants	1 95
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	\$ 127 95

SUPPLIES FOR TOWN HALL

J. N. Henderson, labor and material	
on election booths	\$ 5 00
C. M. Edgerly, insurance	60 00
N. E. Henderson, 2 copper boilers	8 00
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	\$ 73 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fred W. Longa, dog constable	\$ 9 00
“ “ “	1 50
Fred J. Shonyo “	2 00
George E. Cook “	2 50
Mch. Hardware Co., handcuffs and badge	5 50
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	\$ 20 50

FIRES

A. G. Gordon, fire bill	\$ 22 30
A. G. Gordon, Thorntons Ferry fire	91 19
G. W. Carroll, forest fire bill	2 00
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	\$ 115 49

BOUNTIES

J. F. Cross, bounties on hedgehogs	\$ 80
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HEALTH

C. A. Anderson, health officer	\$ 5 76
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TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

STATE AND TOWN JOINT ACCOUNT

Paid H. E. Bishop	\$1178 63	
“ George A. Woods	662 83	
“ B. E. Davis	629 69	
“ B. E. Harris	57 02	
“ George W. Carroll	13 00	
“ “ “	2 00	
“ North East Metal Culvert Co.	30 08	
	<hr/>	\$2573 25
Amount appropriated by town	\$1000 00	
Amount received from State	1480 74	
Amount due from State	92 51	
	<hr/>	2573 25

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

State Contribution		\$3836 32
Town	"	1000 00
Total Maintenance fund		\$4863 32
State disbursements:		
	Oil	\$1211 38
	Roller	368 99
	B. F. Harris	15 66
	Coal	23 69
	Paint	16 33
	Stone	342 60
	Grates	5 20
	Culvert	23 80
	Paid for labor	360 18
State to Town:		
	June 30	49 52
	Aug. 11	662 83
	Sept. 29	43 31
	Oct. 13	115 33
	" 27	325 02
	Nov. 10	32 50
	" 24	166 79
	Dec. 15	33 19
	" 29	38 00
Town disbursements charged Town		1000 00
		<hr/> \$3836 32
State disbursements, total		<hr/> 3834 32
Balance in State Treasury		<hr/> \$ 2 00

F. E. EVERETT
State Highway Commissioner.

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Winter bills		
D. W. Proctor	breaking roads	\$ 4 50
Geo. E. Longa	“ “	64 00
C. F. Young	“ “	23 12
George W. M. West	“ “	93 90
L. A. Nute		29 45
Frank P. Melvin		6 40
C. H. Upham		8 65
Frank B. Carroll (1915)		11 00
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		\$ 241 02
William P. McQuestion, Road Agent		\$2217 22

LIBRARY

Paid Emma A. Cross for books and rent	\$ 200 00
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CHARITIES

COUNTY POOR

A. L. Pike, groceries furnished by	
C. F. Young	\$ 17 15
G. W. Carroll, expense on Dora Dutton	
case (1915)	3 60
G. H. Greeley, professional services Dora	
Dutton (1914)	25 00
Jenkins Bros., James Cummings	7 99
C. F. Young, groceries A. L. Pike	5 48
N. E. Henderson, groceries Jas Cummings	35 00
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	\$ 94 22

TOWN POOR

G. H. Greeley, professional service Dora Dutton	25 00
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AID TO TRAMPS

D. W. Proctor	\$ 2 00
J. F. Cross	1 18
John G. Read	8 74

11 92

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

G. W. Darrah, Memorial day appropriation	50 00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

CEMETERIES

Thos. H. Watkins, mowing cemetery	
South Merrimack	\$ 6 00
E. M. George, mowing cemetery	
Thorntons Ferry	2 00
F. B. Carroll, mowing cemetery	
Reeds Ferry	2 50
Harry Watkins, care town cemetery lot	4 50
Egbert Follansbee, care endowed lot	
South Merrimack	5 50
Harry Watkins, care endowed lots	55 19
E. G. Weston, mowing Center cemetery	6 00

\$ 81 69

C. A. Anderson, services with hearse and repairs	13 50
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MISCELLANEOUS

Geo. W. Carroll 1915

Car fare	\$ 1 20
Postage stamps	12 34
Revenue stamps	1 30
Pipe and labor, town hall	2 00
Trip to Concord	2 00
Committee meeting, Stump	
Pond	2 00

\$ 20 84

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$20 84
Geo. W. Carroll, telephone	2 51
" " paid E. A. White, transfers	2 56
" " 1916, stamps and blanks	3 81
Wheeler Printing Co., town reports	
and envelopes	83 40
Nashua Police Dept. 1914	19 00
J. F. Cross, tel., miscellaneous expenses	8 73
Harry Watkins, office supplies,	
exp. tax com.	11 95
Geo. W. Carroll, fares, tel., revenue	
stamps, freight, etc.	1 50
John B. Clark, invoice books	20 00
Wheeler Printing Co., road signs	4 50
A. E. White, transfers	1 60
Temple & Farrington, tax col. book and	
stationery	4 45
Osgood Cons. Co., jacking up truck,	
Pennichuck bridge	25 00
N. E. Tel. Co., charges	3 65
J. B. Varick, 4 fire extinguishers and	
extra charges	41 60
Wheeler Printing Co., printing notices 1915	4 50
F. B. Carroll, use watering trough	3 00
Baltimore Enamel Co. R. R. signs	1 50
Harry Watkins, tel. supplies and car fare	3 53
Kimball System, danger signs	10 00
J. B. Varick, fire extinguisher	9 00
N. A. Wheeler, printing check list	12 00
H. E. Herrick, lumber, watering trough	10 00
F. W. Longa, work on watering trough	2 50
Harry Watkins, tel., postage, seals	1 80
Fessenden & Lowell, lumber for town sheds	21 62
H. E. Herrick, labor on watering trough	8 00

E. G. Weston, use watering trough, 2 yrs.	6 00
Robert R. Chase, bond for trustees of trust funds	10 00
N. E. Henderson, lantern, globe, oil, paid Rodgers	1 90
George W. Carroll	
1 day Highway commission	\$ 2 00
Expenses 2 days, assessors' meeting	2 60
Recruiting 2 days with auto	7 50
1 day labor on truck at Pennichuck	2 00
Incidental expenses	8 73
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J. F. Cross, tel., fares, recruiting	10 22
Harry Watkins	
2 days and expenses to Highway Commission	\$ 9 06
2 days and expenses to Assessors' meeting	3 60
2 days recruiting	6 00
Fare for recruits to camp ground	4 70
Labor on truck at Pennichuck	1 00
Turpentine, clasp, fasteners and blanks	2 30
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	26 66
Fessenden & Lowell, lumber for watering trough	2 85
W. L. Nutting, tuning piano	3 00
C. M. Edgerley, library insurance on \$2000	30 00

\$ 178 38

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS

Adeline Crooker, Horse Hill lot	\$ 4 50	
Jane Melvin	1 50	
Samuel Humphrey, over tax	75	
Mrs. H. M. Chase, " "	15 00	
M. C. Cochrane, 1915 tax	1 34	
" " 4% discount on taxes	467 56	
	<hr/>	\$ 490 65

INTEREST

Indian Head National bank on temporary loan	\$ 7 92	
Haseltine & Gordon, on note	93 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 101 67

INDEBTEDNESS

Indian Head National bank, temporary loan	\$1500 00	
Haseltine & Gordon, note	2500 00	
	<hr/>	\$4000 00

PENNICHUCK BRIDGE 1915 Bill

Hynes Cons. Co., bal. due on contract	\$563 66	
City of Nashua, bal. due	877 80	
C. H. Flint, for filling	11 00	
F. E. Coburn, inspection and checking plans	17 50	
Storrs & Storrs, engineers services	119 52	
Geo. W. Carroll, expense and money paid	11 49	
	<hr/>	\$1600 97

THORNTON ROAD BRIDGE

City of Nashua, contract building bridge	\$650 00	
G. W. Carroll, 9 half days' time	9 00	
J. F. Cross, 3 half days' time	3 00	
Harry Watkins, 9 half days' time	9 00	
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		\$ 671 00

AMHERST STREET BRIDGE

City of Nashua, contract building bridge	\$450 00	
G. W. Carroll, 4 half days' time	4 00	
J. F. Cross, 2 half days' time	2 00	
Harry Watkins, 4 half days' time	4 00	
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		\$ 460 00
Total of orders drawn		\$14260 62

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CARROLL

J. FOSTER CROSS

HARRY WATKINS

Selectmen of the Town of Merrimack

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES F. YOUNG

Receipts

CURRENT REVENUE

From Local Taxes :		
Property and poll taxes, current year	\$15,761	37
Property and poll taxes, previous year	1,621	02
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		\$17,382 39
From State :		
For highways, For Trunk Line maintenance	\$1,480	74
Railroad tax	1,182	24
Savings bank tax	2,626	72
Liquor Licenses and forfeiture of license	228	47
For fighting forest fires	57	74
For bounties	2	80
Literary fund	126	27
For education	905	71
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		6,610 69
From Local Sources Except Taxes :		
Dog licenses	\$ 149	60
All other licenses and permits	50	00
Rent of town hall of J. G. Read	35	50
Interest received on taxes and deposits	76	75
Napoleon Lombard's account	40	00
E. E. Weston, fighting fires	12	00
Trustees of Trust Funds	78	72
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue :		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$1,500	00
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Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		\$ 1,500 00
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$25,935 65
Cash on hand at beginning of year		365 21
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Grand Total		\$ 26,300 86
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Payments

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

General Government :		
Town officers salaries	\$ 629	00
Election and registration expenses	127	95
Care and supplies for town hall	73	00
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		\$ 829 95
Protection of Persons and Property :		
Police department	\$ 20	50
Forest fires	115	49
Bounties		80
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		136 79

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$966 74
Health:		
Health department	\$5 76	5 76
Highways and Bridges:		
Trunk Line Maintenance	\$2,573 25	
Town Maintenance	2,458 24	
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Education:		
Libraries	\$ 200 00	200 00
Charities:		
Aid to travelers	\$ 11 92	
Town poor	25 00	
County poor	94 22	
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Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial day celebration	\$ 50 00	50 00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Services with hearse	\$ 13 50	
Cemeteries	81 69	
Miscellaneous expenses	456 01	
Discounts and abatements	490 65	
	<hr/>	1,041 85
Total current maintenance expenses		<hr/> \$7,426 98
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loan in anticipation of taxes	\$ 7 92	
" long term notes	93 75	
" principal of trust funds used by town		
by warrant	480 00	
	<hr/>	581 67
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:		
Highways and bridges—town construction	\$2,731 97	2,731 97
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$1,500 00	
Payment on long term notes	2,500 00	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		4,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to State, by warrant	\$2,392 50	
Taxes paid to County, by warrant	1,796 99	
Payments to School Districts, by warrant	7,253 56	
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		11,443 05
Total Payments for All Purposes		<hr/> \$26,183 67
Cash on hand at end of year		117 19
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Grand Total		\$26,300 86

Report of Treasurer

NORRIS E. HENDERSON, Treasurer

in account with

THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, N. H.

DR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1916	\$ 365 21
To cash from M. C. Cochrane, Collector	
Balance 1915 taxes	1621 02
Interest on 1915 taxes	50 50
Taxes of 1916	14773 54
Sewer tax 1916	22 00
W. H. McElwain Co., state and county tax	948 50
Caldwell—Jones Co., “ “ “ “	11 03
David R. Jones “ “ “ “	6 30
To cash from Selectmen, Lombard account in full	40 00
4 junk dealers' licenses	40 00
pool table licenses	10 00
E. G. Weston, account fighting fire	12 00
To cash from Town of Amherst, B. F. Harris acct.	14 50
Town clerk, dog license	149 60
Trustees of trust funds, care cemetery lots	78 72
John G. Read, rent of piano	5 00
“ “ “ “ town hall	30 50

State Treasurer, hedgehog bounty	2 80
excise commission fees, 1915-16	3 47
“ “ forfeiture of license	225 00
forest fire bills	57 74
trunk line maintenance	1466 24
savings bank tax	2626 72
railroad tax	1182 24
literary fund	126 27
state school fund	905 71
Indian Head Nat'l bank on note	1500 00
“ “ “ “ interest on deposits	26 25
Total receipts	<u>\$26300 86</u>

CR.

By paid orders drawn on treasurer 1916	\$14260 62
state treasurer, state tax	2392 50
county treasurer, county tax	1796 99
school district treasurer as per warrant	7 53 56
trustees of trust funds, interest on town notes	480 00
	<u>\$26183 67</u>

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$117 19
Due from collector	1283 36
county, support of poor	94 22
state, trunk line maintenance	92 51
“ hedgehog bounty	80
	<u>\$1588 08</u>

LIABILITIES

Trustees of trust funds	\$15000 00
“ “ “ care of H. F. Herrick,	-
William P., Melvin S. Barker cemetery lots	18 87
	\$15018 87
Amount received from dog licenses	\$ 149 60
Paid F. W. Longa, dog constable	9 00
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Net balance for schools	\$ 140 60

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total receipts	\$26300 86
Paid out	\$2618 67
Cash on hand	117 19
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	\$26300 86
Town debt	\$13430 79

NORRIS E. HENDERSON,
Town Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

CHARLES F. YOUNG,
Auditor.

Highway Report

WILLIAM P. McQUESTION, In account with the town for
the year ending Feb. 15, 1917.

NORTH SIDE

March	W. P. McQuestion		\$ 5 40
April	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 45 00	
	J. H. Longa	6 00	
	Geo. Schnider	2 00	
	W. L. R. French	5 00	
	Jack Watkins	13 50	
	Geo. Wilson	13 50	
	B. R. Lynch	1 05	
	J. E. Stowell	7 00	
	Will Longa	4 00	
			97 05
May	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 66 00	
	J. H. Longa	16 00	
	Geo. Schnider	15 00	
	W. L. R. French	4 00	
	Jack Watkins	4 50	
	G. H. Webster	4 50	
	Harry Richardson	4 50	
	H. E. Longa	2 00	
	C. H. Longa	4 00	
	Harold Copp	2 00	
	J. F. Foster	4 50	
	G. A. Corbee	2 00	
	E. W. Merrill	2 00	
	Richard Greenleaf	1 00	
	J. E. Stowell	65	

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June	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 66 15	
	J. H. Longa	15 00	
	Geo. Schneider	20 00	
	W. L. R. French	8 00	
	J. H. Watkins	27 00	
	H. A. Richardson	4 50	
	C. H. Longa	15 60	
	H. E. Longa	5 00	
	F. W. Longa	1 00	
			\$162 25
July	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 6 25	
	J. E. Stowell	2 89	
			\$ 9 14
Aug.	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 14 25	
	J. H. Longa	2 00	
	Geo. E. Schneider	6 00	
			\$ 22 25
Sept.	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 42 50	
	J. H. Longa	22 00	
	J. H. Watkins	45 00	
	C. H. Longa	18 00	
	H. E. Longa	2 00	
	H. E. Copp	8 00	
	Everett Longa	6 00	
	A. D. Longa	20 00	
	T. I. Raymond	8 00	
	W. P. McQuestion, post and railing	7 00	
			\$ 178 50
Oct.	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 7 50	
	J. H. Longa	2 00	
	J. E. Stowell	4 00	
	Fessenden & Lowell Co., chestnut plank	36 30	
			\$49 80

Nov.	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 13 50	
	J. H. Longa	<u>2 00</u>	
	Total North Side		\$ 15 50
			\$672 54

SOUTH SIDE

April	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 33 50	
	J. H. Longa	7 00	
	Geo. Schneider	7 00	
	W. L. R. French	7 00	
	J. H. Watkins	11 25	
	G. H. Webster	11 25	
	H. A. Richardson	9 00	
	H. E. Longa	5 00	
	Geo. Corbee	4 00	
	W. Caswell	<u>5 00</u>	
			\$100 00
May	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 83 00	
	J. H. Longa	14 00	
	Geo. Schneider	18 00	
	W. L. R. French	8 00	
	J. H. Watkins	13 50	
	Geo. H. Webster	9 00	
	H. A. Richardson	27 00	
	C. H. Longa	14 00	
	H. E. Longa	14 00	
	W. Caswell	4 00	
	Elmer Fields	4 50	
	Ed. George	2 00	
	C. H. Fields	5 00	
	R. Greenleaf	2 00	
	E. Merrill	2 00	
	J. E. Stowell	4 00	
	Napoleon Deurahea	<u>4 50</u>	
			\$228 50

June	W. P. McQuestion	\$43 50	
	J. H. Longa	13 00	
	Geo. Schneider	7 00	
	W. L. R. French	7 60	
	J. H. Watkins	42 75	
	H. A. Richardson	19 25	
	C. H. Longa	11 00	
	H. E. Longa	8 60	
	H. E. Copp	9 00	
	M. Bowers	4 00	
	W. Caswell	1 00	
	A. Wright	2 25	
		<hr/>	\$168 95
Aug.	J. H. Longa	\$ 14 00	
	H. E. Longa	11 00	
	C. H. Longa	3 00	
	H. A. Richardson	6 75	
	M. Bowers	1 00	
	H. E. Copp	18 00	
	T. I. Richards	2 00	
	Foster Cross	80	
	J. Rogers	80	
		<hr/>	\$57 35
Sept.	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 7 50	
	J. H. Longa	3 00	
	C. H. Longa	2 00	
	H. E. Longa	16 50	
	H. Green	1 00	
	H. E. Copp	2 00	
	T. I. Raymond	2 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 34 00

Oct.	W. P. McQuestion	\$ 54 00	
	J. H. Longa	13 00	
	Geo. Schneider	6 00	
	J. H. Watkins	22 50	
	C. H. Longa	8 00	
	H. E. Longa	4 50	
	Albert Brown	4 50	
	C. Young	4 50	
	J. E. Stowell	13 00	
	H. A. Richardson	9 00	
	T. I. Raymond	8 00	
	H. E. Copp	6 00	
	Fessenden & Lowell, post and railing	7 45	
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		\$160 45	
Nov.	W. P. McQuestion		\$ 10 50
	Total, South Side		\$759 75

GRAVEL ACCOUNT

John Phillips	\$ 2 40	
F. H. Corning	70	
H. E. Weston estate	2 50	
George & Nute	5 60	
William Nichols	3 70	
Arthur Junkins	5 10	
H. E. Herrick	1 90	
Mrs. Wm. Henderson	1 00	
Fessenden & Lowell	3 50	
Geo. Schneider	40	
W. H. McElwain Co.	17 70	
Ella Wright	4 65	
Mrs. Addie E. Harris	1 50	
Marstricola Bros.	20	
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		\$50 85

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

Scraper blade and express on same	\$9 32
Repairing road machine	70
Sharpening pick	10
Telephone and Postage	72
Material and labor for road drag	2 25
Transferring road machine	2 00

\$15 09

W. P. McQUESTION

Winter Bills, South Side :

C. H. Fields	\$44 25
C. H. Upham	20 60
A. L. Wright	46 25
G. H. Webster	26 75
G. E. Bean	2 40
E. M. George	1 40
W. H. Callbeck	1 40
E. H. Fields	30 00
G. F. Young	46 05
Geo. Hale	1 00
B. L. Peaslee	9 85
T. I. Richards	80
H. H. Putnam	19 40
C. H. Gifford	19 10
J. H. Foster, snowing bridge	4 00
J. L. McDonald	2 00
W. P. McQuestion	9 10

\$284 35

W. P. McQUESTION

Winter Bills, North Side :

W. P. McQuestion	\$ 47 06
F. B. Carroll	31 50
Napoleon Deurahea	28 45
F. W. Watkins	16 50
M. E. Fisher	22 25
J. H. Watkins	30 60
C. H. Felton	2 80
G. H. Wilson	48 80
J. E. Stowell	18 28
D. R. Hutchinson	7 35
G. E. Schnider	12 00
J. F. Foster	31 50
H. A. Richardson	28 40
G. M. West	28 10
H. W. Atwood	10 70
D. J. Donovan	2 00
J. Donovan	2 00
C. A. Anderson	1 00
W. Longa	2 00
W. L. R. French	6 50
Nute & George	19 60
J. L. McDonald	5 10
G. H. Bills	3 50
J. G. Read	5 00
F. W. Bean	21 05
Thomas Watkins	2 60

 \$434 64

WILLIAM P. McQUESTION in account with
Town Treasurer

April 20	By cash on order	\$200 00	
May 13	"	300 00	
June 5	"	300 00	
June 22	"	300 00	
Nov. 7	"	400 00	
Jan. 1	"	100 00	
Feb. 14	"	209 84	
Feb. 15	"	407 38	
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			\$2217 22

Report of Trustees of the Trust Funds

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, N. H.

February 15, 1917.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1916, the town elected as trustees to care for the trust funds of the town Norris E. Henderson to serve three years, George B. Griffin for two years and Arthur G. Gordon for one year.

Rec'd from town treasurer

Joseph N. Gage, school fund	\$14447 14
Jane N. Gage " "	1425 54
McClure " "	547 95
Cemetery trust fund	
James W. Blood	101 93
Reuben Barnes	102 89
Geo. H. Jones	105 48
Samuel C. Fallansbee	121 13
Horace S. Gould	121 24
Henry J. Wilson	100 24
Daniel T. Ingalls	100 12
Truessa A. Clark	227 40
David H. Boynton	50 08
James W. Fosdick	100 18
McClure	309 96
Bowers	100 11
Chas. S. Nesmith	204 09
Henry F. Herrick	208 91
William D. Mitchell	100 42

Cemetery trust funds

A. McCauley Wilkins	103 64
Barker	101 33
Robert Mears	100 00
Wm. P. Melvin	300 00
Isaac A. Hodgman	150 00
Franklin T. Leaverus	100 00
W. J. Elliott	100 00
Laura E. Parker	100 00
Geo. and Eliza Watkins	200 00
Est. Betsey J. Patterson	100 00
“ “ “	50 00
Est. Betsey J. Patterson, town library trust fund	150 00
Mary A. Gordon, cemetery trust fund	100 00

SCHOOL FUNDS

Joseph N. Gage fund is invested as follows:

Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$ 436 54
Manchester Savings Bank	10 60
Town of Merrimack, note given July 1, 1916	14000 00
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	\$14447 14

Income from above fund July 1, 1916:

Interest Amoskeag Savings bank	\$. 57 44
“ Manchester “ “	60 40
Town of Merrimack, note	460 00
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Paid school district treasurer	\$ 577 84

The Jane N. Gage school fund is invested as follows:

Manchester Savings bank	\$ 425 54
Town of Merrimack, note given July 1, 1916	1000 00

Income from above fund

Manchester Savings bank	\$ 37 00
Town of Merrimack, note	20 00
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Paid school district treasurer	\$ 57 00

McClure school fund is invested in the

Manchester Savings bank	\$ 500 00
Accrued dividends to July 1	69 83
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	\$ 569 83

Paid school district treasurer \$ 69 83

Cemetery trust funds are invested as follows:

James W. Blood fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 101 93
Dividend July 1, 1916	4 20
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	\$ 106 13
Paid town for care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 102 13

Reuben Barnes fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 102 89
Dividend July 1, 1916	4 18
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	\$ 107 07
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 103 07

George H. Jones fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 105 48
Dividend July 1	4 37
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	\$ 109 85
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 105 85

Samuel C. Follansbee fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 121 13
Dividend July 1	4 85
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	\$ 125 98
Paid town, care of lot	2 00
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Balance	\$ 123 98

Horace S. Gould fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 121 24
Dividend July 1	4 85
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	\$ 126 09
Paid town, care of lot	2 00
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Balance	\$ 124 09

Henry J. Wilson fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 100 24
Dividend July 1	4 09
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	\$ 104 33
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 100 33

Heirs Daniell T. Ingalls fund Amoskeag	
Savings bank	\$ 100 12
Dividend July 1	4 05
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	\$ 104 17
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 100 17

Turessa A. Clark fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 227 40
Dividend July 1	9 08
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	\$ 236 48
Paid town, care of lot	85
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Balance	\$ 235 63

David H. Boynton fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 50 08
Dividend July 1	2 04
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	\$ 52 12
Paid town, care of lot	2 00
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Balance	\$ 50 12

James W. Fosdick fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 100 18
Dividend July 1	4 08
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	\$ 104 26
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 100 26
McClure fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 309 96
Dividend July 1	12 39
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	\$ 322 35
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 318 35
Bowers fund Manchester Savings Bank	\$ 100 11
Dividend July 1	4 04
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	\$ 104 15
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 100 15
Chas. S. Nesmith fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 204 09
Dividend July 1	8 24
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	\$ 212 33
Paid town, care of lot	8 00
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Balance	\$ 204 33
Henry F. Herrick fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 208 91
Dividend July 1	8 44
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	\$ 217 35
Paid town, care of lot	6 50
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Balance	\$ 210 85

W. D. Mitchell fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 100 42
Dividend July 1	4 02
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	\$ 104 44
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 100 44
A. McCauley Wilkins fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 103 64
Dividend July 1	4 14
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	\$ 107 78
Paid town, care of lot	1 50
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Balance	\$ 106 28
Barker fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 101 33
Dividend July 1	4 04
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	\$ 105 37
Paid town, care of lot	5 37
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Balance	\$ 100 00
Robert Mears fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 100 00
Dividend July 1	4 00
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	\$ 104 00
Paid town, care of lot	4 00
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Balance	\$ 100 00
Wm. P. Melvin fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 300 00
Dividend July 1	7 00
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	\$ 307 00
Paid town, care of lot	7 00
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Balance	\$ 300 00

Isaac A. Hodgman fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 150 00
Dividend July 1	3 50
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Balance	\$ 153 50

Income from above fund to care for the Eri Kittredge cemetery lot.

Franklin T. Leaverus fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 100 00
Dividend July 1	3 50
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	\$ 104 00
Paid town for care of lot	2 00
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Balance	\$ 102 00

James B. Elliott fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 100 00
Dividend July 1	67
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	\$ 100 67
Paid town, care of lot	1 50
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Balance	\$ 99 17

Laura E. Parker fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 100 00
Dividend July 1	33
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Balance	\$ 100 33

Geo. and Eliza Watkins fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 200 00

Betsey J. Patterson fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 100 00

Betsey J. Patterson fund Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 50 00
Mary A. Gordon fund Manchester Savings bank	\$ 100 00

LIBRARY TRUST FUND

Betsey J. Patterson fund (income to be used to buy	
books for the town library) Manchester	
Savings bank	\$ 150 00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. GORDON
GEORGE B. GRIFFIN
NORRIS E. HENDERSON

Merrimack, Feb. 17, 1917.

I have examined the foregoing accounts for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917, and find the same properly cast and vouched.

CHARLES F. YOUNG,
Auditor.

Report of Librarian

For year ending Feb. 15, 1917

No. books in Library	4410
“ added during the year	182
“ “ by purchase	119
“ “ gift	63
“ loaned	7500
No. cards issued	55
rebound at library	150

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA A. CROSS
Librarian.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF LIBRARY

Feb. 15, 1917

By rec'd from town	\$ 350 00	
fines	14 80	
balance from 1914	49	
		\$ 365 29
Paid Librarian	\$ 150 00	
rent	50 00	
books	116 99	
magazines	13 95	
lights and fuel	6 75	
express, postage and money orders	2 70	
supplies	3 45	
binding and material	21 40	
		\$ 365 24
Balance to cr.		05
		\$ 365 29

JOHN E. HASELTINE
MARGUERITE M. HENDERSON
GEORGE W. DARRAH
Library Trustees,

Report of the Superintendent

To the School Board of the School District of Merrimack:

I herewith submit my third annual report as superintendent of the schools of Merrimack and my first report as superintendent of the McGaw Normal Institute.

TEACHERS

Three changes were made in the list of teachers. Miss Alice McIntire, who had taught faithfully and well in Merrimack for several years, resigned her position for a much needed rest. Miss Lois Patterson and Miss Frances Copp resigned and accepted positions in other towns.

School No. 2 was closed and the pupils conveyed to School No. 7. This act of the School Board was wise. The larger number of pupils at No. 7 creates a greater enthusiasm for work and results in a more rapid advancement of the pupils.

Miss Vera Wood, a Keene Normal School graduate, was elected to teach School No. 6.

Miss Irene Cummings, a Lowell Normal School graduate, was elected to teach the upper grades at Reeds Ferry.

The School Board was fortunate in retaining the other teachers. Each of our teachers holds a New Hampshire State Certificate or a Normal School Diploma which entitles the school district to draw full state aid, providing the district meets legal requirements and parents send their children to school as the law demands.

REPAIRS

Major repairs during the year have been confined to School No. 5, where a wood-shed and toilets have been built. The gift of both labor and material by a member of the School Board, Mr. David R. Jones, made it possible to construct a good building at a very reasonable expense.

Many major and minor repairs are still needed. It is our opinion that it is infinitely better to repair thoroughly two buildings a year than to scatter the money in minor repairs on each building.

The rural school of today should receive the utmost care in providing it with facilities for health, comfort and beauty. The states which still maintain primitive schools are the least progressive in other material improvements. This fact clearly demonstrates that the school is the fundamental cause of material welfare as well as it is of social advancement.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance of the pupils at school has improved. There are few families who, either from a lack of knowledge of the school law or from a premeditated intention of breaking the law, keep their children from school. The truant officer will place in the hands of these parents a copy of the Attendance Law and insist that it be obeyed. The strict enforcement of the Attendance Law is necessary that the district may receive from the state the money due from its qualified teachers.

I urge upon parents the importance of regular and punctual attendance for the ethical and moral effect upon the child. A day out of school is a day lost. It can never be made up. The habit formed of being tardy and absent is disastrous to his school work and pernicious in all his after-school life.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED

The improvement in the work of our schools for the year last past is commendable. We are following as far as conditions will permit the Program of Study outlined by the Department of Public Instruction. It is our purpose to follow it more in detail as conditions change.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards are sent to the parents or guardians of all pupils five times each year. These report cards give the pupil's rank in his studies, conduct, effort, instances of tardiness and half-day absences.

The rank marks are as follows: 1, Excellent; 2, Good; 3, Fair or Passable; 4, Unsatisfactory; 5, Very Poor.

A careful examination of the pupil's report card will tell the parent just what the pupil is doing and how he is behaving. I urge parents to investigate immediately any unsatisfactory mark (4) by conferring with the teacher.

McGAW NORMAL INSTITUTE

The Trustees of the McGaw Normal Institute on the recommendation of the State Educational Department introduced courses of Agriculture, Mechanics and Domestic Arts. This plan had been contemplated for some time but was not put in force until last September. The change made it necessary to elect as principal a graduate of an Agricultural College and for an assistant a graduate of Household Economics. Mr. E. B. Young, a graduate of the Mass. Agricultural College was elected principal and Miss Helen E. Young, a graduate of Simmons College, assistant.

At the beginning of the school year the work was hindered by the late repairs on the school building and the lack of necessary apparatus and materials. For more details I refer you to the Principal's Report.

OUTLOOK

McGaw Normal Institute is located on an elevation near and overlooking the beautiful Merrimack River. It is near several ponds or small lakes to which instructive and fascinating journeys may be made by the pupils for recreation and study.

Reeds Ferry, a beautiful, healthful and normal village, makes an ideal home for an educational institution. Here the pupils are free from distracting influences that tend to prevent good school work. The one thing needed is the solid and cooperative help of the citizens of Merrimack.

The present course of study is practical and will tend to build up local interest by educating the young to remain in their native town. That the work may be carried on successfully another teacher is needed, which I recommend.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the citizens, school board, teachers and pupils for their cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. ROBERTS,

Superintendent.

Honor Roll

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a year without being tardy.

REEDS FERRY PRIMARY

Kenneth Jenkins, Henry Donaghey

MERRIMACK PRIMARY

Esther Hadley, Alden Henderson, Elizabeth Watkins

MERRIMACK GRAMMAR

Helen Kimball, Charles Underhill, Albert Watkins

SCHOOL NO. 2

Fred Richardson

SCHOOL NO. 5

Francis W. Anderson, Albert Hodges, Donald Hodges
William Hodges, Paul Yunggebauer

	No. half days school was in session	No. half days lost	No. half days attendance	No. half days absence	Instances of tardiness	Instances of dismissal	No. visits by Superintendent	Visits by School Board	Visits by parents and citizens	Not absent or tardy	Merrimack Number Registered				Pupils marked "b"	Non Residence	Average daily attendance	Average daily absence	Average membership	Percent of attendance	Attending two weeks				
											T	B	G								5-8	8-14	14-16	over 16	total
Reeds Ferry pri.	345	159324	482	11	19	15	10	107	2	30	22	8	0	0	0	27	1	28	96	12	18	0	0	30	
" " gram.	345	156736	280	20	2	16	11	85	0	23	15	8	0	0	0	21	1	22	95	0	23	0	0	23	
Merrimack pri.	341	197831	551	72	8	18	8	199	3	33	10	23	5	0	23	2	25	93	16	14	0	0	30		
" " gram.	342	185130	180	100	15	18	11	187	3	16	5	11	2	0	15	1	16	96	0	16	0	0	16		
Thorntons Ferry	344	168491	510	27	55	13	6	17	0	35	12	23	3	0	23	1	24	96	3	29	3	0	35		
Merrimack No. 2	346	143076	247	6	4	11	8	44	1	12	9	3	1	0	9	1	10	93	2	10	0	0	12		
" No. 5	342	183364	190	0	3	12	7	56	5	12	7	5	1	2	10	1	11	94	4	8	0	0	12		
" No. 6	334	162906	204	8	2	10	7	20	0	10	4	6	0	3	9	0	9	94	3	7	0	0	10		
" No. 7	346	143598	322	73	23	13	10	34	0	13	7	6	1	0	10	1	11	92	5	8	0	0	13		

Report of Director of Music and Drawing

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It has been the endeavor of the Director of Music and Drawing for the year past to maintain a general supervision over the work of the various schools, planning their tasks with an eye to the gradual development of the individual rather than to put any great emphasis upon particular lines of activity.

The Drawing work has been outlined to fit the needs of the very young as well as the older pupils, beginning with the simplest tasks, learning colors and geometric forms, and advancing from these through paper cutting, mat weaving and other handicraft work to mechanical and free hand drawing. Particular effort has been made to maintain the interest of the children, since no mental development can be attained through work which is uninteresting and therefore half-heartedly done.

In a similar manner the Music has been planned to train the musical sense as well as to teach the element of harmonious expression. The various keys, their signs, how written and their practical use have been taught; also the use and meaning of time signs, the different note lengths, accidentals and the more common arbitrary signs of written music. All of the above has been varied by class singing, commencing with simple pieces in unison and later trying part songs.

An exhibition by all the Merrimack schools, held in the Town Hall last June, gave many of the parents a chance to see the work accomplished.

The Director wishes particularly to express her appreciation of the hearty co-operation which has been shown by the teachers of the various schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MURIEL DAVIS.

Report of the School Board

For the Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1917

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation		\$250 00
Cash on hand		176 29
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		\$426 29
Paid Text books, Houghton-Mifflin Co.	\$ 62 75	
Edward C. Babb & Co.	47 28	
Ginn & Co.	15 43	
World Book Co.	45 54	
Charles Scribners' Sons	4 12	
Reference books, J. Q. Adams Co.	28 00	
Supplies, Jenkins' Brothers	10 25	
Dr. E. M. Parker	68	
J. L. Hammett Co.	34 02	
Alfred Dichard	55	
Edward C. Babb & Co.	20 68	
Henry S. Roberts	99	
Muriel Davis	8 71	
John B. Varick Co.	28 75	
Library Bureau	4 25	
Milton Bradley Co.	50 77	
Balance in treasury	63 52	
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TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

HIGH SCHOOL

Cash on hand		\$133 47
Paid. Textbooks. Ginn & Co.	\$ 4 11	
Edward C. Babb & Co.	1 11	
Apparatus L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	6 49	
Supplies Edward C. Babb & Co.	1 55	
Jenkins Brothers	18 00	
Charles H. Upham	116 71	
Temple & Farrington Co.	3 50	
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		\$151 47

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Paid M. A. Shea	\$384 00	
Lois Patterson	110 00	
Frances Copp	114 00	
Margaret Fanning	384 00	
Alice McIntire	144 00	
Flora Cushing	432 00	
Elmira Frost	432 00	
Verna Wells	432 00	
Mary Donovan	432 00	
Vera Wood	240 00	
Irene Cummings	288 00	
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		\$3392 00
Muriel Davis, special	\$ 140 00	3532 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriation	\$ 250 00	
Received from State	283 34	
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		\$ 533 34
Paid Henry S. Roberts	\$ 540 00	

SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES

Appropriation		\$ 165 00
Paid Clarissa W. Griffin	\$ 65 00	
David R. Jones	50 00	
Dr. Edwin M. Parker	50 00	
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TRUANT OFFICER

Paid Angus Morrison	\$ 3 50	
“ enumeration of		
children	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 18 50

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 19 00
Paid James C. F. Hodgman, moderator	\$ 2 00	
David R. Jones, clerk	2 00	
Josiah Henderson, treasurer	15 00	
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HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Appropriation		\$1360 00
Paid City of Nashua tuition for Ada Gautier,		
Geo. Gautier, Walter Kittredge	\$120 00	
Milford tuition for Ralph Upham	40 00	
C. H. Upham, treasurer of McGaw	1200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1360 00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUITION

Appropriation		\$ 24 00
Paid City of Nashua, tuition for		
Winifred Kittredge	\$ 24 00	24 00

FLAGS

Appropriation		\$ 25 00
Cash on hand		11 66
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		\$ 36 66
Paid John B. Varick Co.	\$ 11 92	
Balance in the treasury	24 74	
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		\$ 36 66

TRANSPORTATION

Paid E. M. George, spring term 1916	\$ 15 50	
Frances Copp " "	11 40	
Mrs. Harry Richardson " "	82 65	
Frank Jones " "	22 00	
" fall term 1916	26 00	
" winter term 1917 to		
Feb. 19, 1917	8 00	
J. W. Morse, spring term 1916	57 00	
" fall term	83 75	
J. W. Morse, winter term 1917		
to Feb. 19, 1917	36 25	
Joseph Foster, spring term 1916	11 00	
" fall "	14 00	
" winter term 1917 to		
Feb. 19, 1917	5 00	
Raymond Westen, fall term 1916	23 25	
Mrs. John C. Stowell " "	67 00	
" " winter term 1917		
to Feb. 19, 1917	37 80	
David R. Jones, fall term 1916	23 25	
Nettie McGilvray " "	3 50	
" winter term 1917		
to Jan. 29, 1917	7 00	
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		\$ 534 35

MINOR REPAIRS

Appropriation		\$ 250 00
Cash on hand		33 98
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		\$ 283 98
Paid Wilfred Valley	\$ 4 00	
Fred Longa	1 50	
Arthur E. Gay	12 80	
F. D. Cook Lumber Co.	4 54	
Wm. H. Callbeck	27 72	
F. H. Watkins	5 00	
Chas. H. Fields	2 50	
D. W. Procter	45 00	
David R. Jones	8 88	
Wilson French	50	
B. A. Curtis	28 55	
C. H. Avery	3 90	
Norris E. Henderson	27 33	
Fessenden & Lowell	81	
Balance in treasury	110 95	
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		\$ 283 98

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS

Cash on hand		\$100 00
Paid Gregg & Son	\$11 45	
D. D. Cook Lumber Co.	84 84	
D. W. Procter, labor	35 50	
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		\$131 79

INSURANCE

Paid Frank H. Corning		\$52 00
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JANITOR SERVICE

Paid M. A. Shea	\$14 40	
Frances Copp	4 80	
Alice McIntire	3 00	
Verna Wells	9 00	
Elmira Frost	9 00	
Wm. H. Callbeck	36 00	
Alice Peaslee	4 40	
Fred Peaslee	9 60	
William Bishop	4 80	
Mary Derushia	9 60	
Claude Maker	87 10	
Thomas Watkins	41 25	
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		\$232 95

FUEL

Appropriation		\$200 00
Cash on hand		\$163 44
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		\$363 44
Paid W. L. R. French	\$16 63	
Elmer Fields	3 00	
Geo. B. Griffin	17 00	
Wm. H. Callbeck	1 40	
Fessenden & Lowell	192 60	
Heirs of Thomas Parker	36 00	
Bert L. Peaslee	18 75	
Dr. Edwin M. Parker	2 77	
W. P. McQuestion	15 50	
Balance in the treasury	59 79	
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		\$363 44

CLEANING

Paid Thomas Watkins	\$ 5 00
Mrs. J. J. Anderson	\$6 30
Mrs. E. M. George	6 20
Mr. E. M. George	2 00
Mrs. M. J. Clifford	3 50
Mrs. John Beland	10 00
Mrs. Mary E. Richards	10 00
Dr. Edwin M. Parker	4 50

 \$47 50

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES

Paid Boston & Maine R. R, mileage for	
Miss Davis	\$22 50
Thomas Watkins, work on tree	1 20
Henry S. Roberts, expense for	
hiring rural teachers	18 64
Henry S. Roberts, expense for	
hiring McGaw teachers	22 12
Josiah Henderson, postage	4 00

 \$68 46

REVENUE

CURRENT

Balance from last year	\$627 95	
Entire amount of money required by law to be raised for schools, 1916	2392 50	
Entire additional amount voted at school meeting, 1916	1872 63	
Amount assessed to pay for necessary school books and supplies	250 00	
Amount assessed to pay tuition at high schools	1360 00	
Amount assessed to pay for flags and appurtenances	25 00	
Amount assessed for salaries of district officers	184 00	
Amount of literary fund received from State December, 1916	126 27	
Amount received from State treasury :		
For district superintendent	283 34	
For support of schools	622 37	
Income from the Gage fund	634 84	
Income from the McClure fund	69 83	
Amount received from dog licenses	137 45	
Amount from other sources	105 65	
Total revenue for current expenses		\$8,691 83

EXTRAORDINARY

Balance from preceding fiscal year for building	\$100 00
Total extraordinary revenue	100 00

EXPENDITURES

CURRENT

Amt. expended for text books	\$179 23	
“ reference books and apparatus	34 49	
Amt. expended for scholars' supplies	300 52	
“ paid for teachers' salaries, regular	3392 00	
“ “ “ “ special	140 00	
“ “ superintendent	540 00	
“ “ school board	165 00	
“ “ truant officer, including enumeration of children	18 50	
Amt. paid other district officers	19 00	
“ high school tuition	1360 00	
“ elementary school tuition	24 00	
“ flags and appurtenances	11 92	
“ transportation of pupils	534 35	
“ minor repairs	173 03	
“ insurance	52 00	
“ janitor service	232 95	
“ fuel	303 65	
“ water	10 00	
“ unclassified expenditures, cleaning	115 96	
Total current expenditures		\$7606 60

EXTRAORDINARY

Amt. expended for alterations at No. 5	<u>\$131 79</u>	
Total extraordinary expenditures		\$131 79
Total revenue	\$8791 83	
“ expenditures	<u>7738 39</u>	
Balance in the treasury Feb. 15, 1917		\$1053 44

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the school board	
Amount of money required by law	\$2580 00
Additional school money	800 00
Text books and supplies	350 00
“ “ for McGaw	150 00
Flags	25 00
Fuel	300 00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

McGaw	\$1200 00
Nashua High School	240 00
Milford High School	40 00
Miscellaneous	200 00
School officers' salaries	184 00
“ superintendent's salary	283 34
Repairs	400 00

CLARISSA W. GRIFFIN

DAVID R. JONES

EDWIN M. PARKER

School Board of Merrimack.

JOSIAH N. HENDERSON, TREASURER
in account with
TOWN OF MERRIMACK SCHOOL DISTRICT
DR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1916	\$ 727 95
Rec'd from town treasurer	
Amt. raised required by law	2392 50
additional school money	800 00
text books and supplies	250 00
flags and poles	25 00
fuel	200 00
repairs	250 00
high school tuition McGaw	1200 00
" " Nashua	120 00
" " Milford	40 00
grammar school tuition Nashua	24 00
miscellaneous bills	300 00
school officers' salaries	184 00
Superintendent's salary	250 00
bank taxes due 1915	48 63
net income Gage fund	634 84
" McClure fund	69 83
state school funds	905 71
literary fund	126 27
dog license money	137 45
Rec'd from City of Nashua for tuition	27 50
" Manchester, tuition overpaid 1916	20 40
town of Amherst for tuition	54 00
Thorntons Ferry Christian Endeavor	
for fuel	2 50
Rec'd from Thorntons Ferry Sunday School	
for fuel	1 25
	<hr/> \$8791 83

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By paid orders drawn on treasury of 1916	\$7738 39
balance in treasury	<u>1053 44</u>
	\$8791 83

JOSIAH N. HENDERSON
School Treasurer

Merrimack, N. H., Feb. 15, 1917

I have examined the above report and find it correctly
 cast and properly vouched.

ANSON A. PLATTS
Auditor.

Merrimack, N. H., Feb. 19, 1917

McGaw Normal Institute

February 14, 1917.

To Superintendent, Trustees and Citizens of Merrimack:
As head master of McGaw Normal Institute, the public high school for Merrimack, I submit the following report of my school.

PUPILS

At the beginning of the school year in September, twenty-seven pupils were registered. Since then two have dropped out, one boy to go to work and one girl to enter high school at Manchester, to which city her family moved. The present membership by classes is given below:

	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
Freshmen	5	4	9
Sophomores	2	2	4
Juniors	5	1	6
Seniors	4	2	6
	—	—	—
Totals	16	9	25

Of the above twenty-five, one is a tuition pupil from Bedford. Other outside applications for membership were received the first of the year but as there was no accommodation for board and room nothing was done regarding them.

The attendance during the first two or three months of school was very good while lately it has been rather poor

and due, we fear, not always to substantial causes. If we are to compare well with other good schools, there should be an immediate change. Custodians and parents of pupils cannot afford to be careless in their oversight of this matter as it is quite essential that all pupils be present at every session. Absences cannot be excused except for sickness or extreme necessity.

Special mention is given to the following pupils for having a perfect record of attendance the first term:

Helen Wallace	Mildred Caswell	Herman Boisclair
Albina Beland	Elizabeth Greeley	Joseph Watkins

TEACHERS

We regret that our teaching force has been somewhat disturbed by the misfortune of our assistant, Miss Helen E. Young of Brockton, a graduate of Simmonds College in the class of 1916. Miss Young was compelled to give up her work with us at the beginning of the second term because of a nervous breakdown. Her present condition is such that she will probably not return to us again. We have already had two substitutes in her place, Miss Isabel Fernald of Dover, N. H., from the New Hampshire Agricultural College at Durham, and Miss Etta S. Waldron of Center Strafford, N. H., from the same college. The head master, Edwin B. Young of Dorchester, Mass., is a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College in the class of 1912.

PROGRAM OF COURSES

We are glad to state that the introduction of the Domestic Arts and Agricultural Courses into the program has been gladly welcomed. Both pupils and parents have shown much interest in them.

The girls in the cooking class have learned something of how to run fires, how to preserve and can fruits and vegetables, how to make various culinary dishes and how to prepare and serve meals. In the sewing class they have not only learned to sew by hand, but with the machine. They have made corset covers, night gowns, chemise, aprons and the like. When one thinks of the great number of young women who grow up without knowing how to cook or sew, and who, when about to make a home, find themselves terribly handicapped, one realizes the true value in these excellent things.

In horticulture the boys have made a study of soils, plant life, fertilizers, manures, etc. One very practical piece of work, not yet completed, is the making of a hot bed which they expect to start early in March. Unlike other studies horticulture will not end in June as each boy will be required to grow a summer project crop. The crop will be potatoes as every boy has chosen this one although there were a large number from which to choose. The projects will be supervised during the summer and possibly a prize given for the best.

The boys of the carpentry class have been so very enthusiastic over their work that the privilege of working outside of class hours has been granted to them. Some of the interesting things they have done are as follows: made benches for the carpentry room thus saving a large sum of money usually expended by schools, sheathed the outhouse which had been condemned by the State Department, cut a door out of the schoolroom where very much needed, repaired all the broken blinds on the building thus greatly improving its appearance, and made a sand table and model house for the primary department of school number three. They also made saw horses, miter boxes, tool chests, bench hooks, sleds, shelves, cabinets and numerous other things.

HINDRANCES

While we have made a fair degree of progress so far this year, there are things which greatly tend to retard the work. In the first place the teaching force is too small. To carry out well the extensive program which is before us is no easy task, as the assistant's breakdown will partly testify. If these courses are to go along the lines already started and in accordance with the recommendations of the authorities at Concord, there will be, another year, an expansion which can only be met by a third teacher.

Secondly, the efficiency of the school and that of the head master is appreciably reduced by putting upon the shoulders of the latter the heating, lighting and cleaning of the school building. The position as head of a public school should be a man's job in itself. To give one the dual office of head master and janitor, however honorable the latter office may be, is as unwise an act as it is crude. Certainly the present antique arrangement should not be allowed to bind down the future.

A third drawback is the lack of needed supplies and equipment. It should not be necessary for teachers to have to buy books to use in class or for the pupils to use in doing their work. Again it should not be necessary for the different departments of the school to go outside for the purpose of borrowing equipment needed to do the work expected of them. This has been the case, especially in the domestic arts class, where they have continually had to go outside to borrow such things as dishes, linen, furniture and foods.

APPROVAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Two or three advantages derived from having the school approved are as follows: there will be a higher grade of work done with more valuable and attractive

courses in the school which will bring larger numbers of pupils and better satisfy the needs of your own Merrimack boys and girls; the latter will not need to be away from you at school in the large city without parental restriction; tuition money may remain in town, and graduates of McGaw will be enabled to enter a normal school or state college without taking examinations or going thru other red tape which non approval would involve.

While we are now on the right track and are fortunate enough to have this approval, we should, as far as possible try to eliminate the above hindrances which endanger it. As a town we should not only give our moral support but our financial support as well. We should see to it that no money is lacking for equipment, and remember that next year there will be an outfit necessary for the forging class. As soon as we begin to support our school the way other towns are supporting theirs we will need have no fear of retaining the much desired approval.

IN CONCLUSION

Visit your school and see its work.

If pleased tell others about it.

Direct to it the young people of the town.

Send your own here if you have any.

If you see a chance for improvement cooperate with the teachers.

Make your school an asset to the community.

Very respectfully submitted,

EDWIN B. YOUNG,

Head master.

Report of Treasurer for Trustees of McGaw Normal Institute

Feb. 15, 1916, balance on hand	\$ 103 41
Received Bedford tuitions	45 00
Litchfield "	44 00
Temple "	22 00
school treasurer	310 00
McGaw fund, interest	350 00
" "	375 90
school treasurer	276 71
"	320 00
"	410 00
	<u>\$2257 02</u>
Paid F. W. Dudley, prin.	\$ 750 00
J. G. Read, paper	14 88
F. W. Watkins, painting, etc.	29 78
Fessenden & Lowell, lumber, etc.	47 41
Singer Sewing Machine Co.	25 00
A. J. McKelvie, range	18 80
J. Hodge Est., sash	4 06
Pike & Heald, plumbing	36 34
J. B. Varick Co., tools	128 36
D. C. Heath & Co., Pub. books	27 81
Mrs. Geo. H. Dewkett, work	2 50
Mrs. Mary E. Richards, work	2 50
Edwin B. Young, Prin.	550 00
Helen E. Young, asst. teacher	175 63
Isabel Fernald, "	31 07
A. J. Jones	1 00
Feb. 15, 1917, balance on hand	411 88
	<u>\$2257 02</u>

CHARLES H. UPHAM, *Treasurer*

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the TOWN OF MERRIMACK, N. H., for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917

Date	Name of the Child if any	Sex & condition		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
		Male	Female							
Au23'94	Charles H Dichard	M		Frank Dichard	Lillian E Hildreth	Sectionman	Nashua	Ch'lnsfd Mass	24	21
Au19'01	Anna V Mazerolle			Edward Mazerolle	Eugenie M Potvin	Shoemaker	New Brunswick	Canada	46	46
De 22	Arthur L Knights	M	F	George W Knights	Jennie Ducas	Teamster	Merrimack	So Danville	27	33
No 10	Katherine L Watkins		F	Thomas H Watkins	Hattie Cummings	Farmer	Sussex N B	Merrimack	32	30
Mh 7'16	Frances A Black		F	Nelson W Black	Gertrude Schneider	Machine Tender	Manchester	Hubbard O	24	21
Apr 6	Corey	M		Charles H Corey	Mary Montgomery	Farmer	Lithuania R'sia	Calumet Mich	22	22
Jul 13	Julius E Shimpovichs	M		Julius Shimpovichs	Olive S Berg	Farmer	Merrimack	Chester N H	23	26
" 14	George E Burroughs	M		Burton A Burroughs	Grace M Smith	Woodworker	Hudson N H	Nashua	22	19
" 19	Gertrude Carpenter	M		Roy E Carpenter	Edwina M Schneider	Farmer	Patterson N J	Lee M H	21	23
My 25	Adelle B Chase		F	Harold B Chase	Edith M Dow	Mechanic	Manchester	Merrimack	36	37
Jun 4	Kenneth E Young	M		Harry J Young	Grace M Jones	Farmer	Nashua	Russia	41	37
Jul 14	Edward L Hoffman	M		Louis Hoffman	Cora F Butterfield	Farmer	Nashua	Litchfield	27	22
Sp 10	Chester Hopkins Jelly	M		George H Jelly	Domicella Stangis	Excelsior Shop	Russia	Russia	37	37
Oct 4	Aneika Rozan		F	Adolph Rozan	Hattie Cummings	Laborer	Merrimack	So Danville	37	37
Dec 13	Frances Rozan	M		Thomas H Watkins	Emma M Martell	Foreman	Canada	Plaistow N H	33	31
Dec 17	Berwin A Watkins		F	Frank F Paton	Annie Lamore	Laborer	N B	Malone N Y	30	27
Ja 22'17	Dorothy E Paton		F	Oslorn McLaughlin	Ruth W Lavitt	Superintendent	Brookton Mass	Portland Me	54	44
Ja 24	Harrison L Clough Jr		F	Harrison L Clough	Susie D Patterson	Farmer	Amherst	Merrimack	32	27
Feb 9	Lois A Parker	M	F	Charles R Parker	Alfontan Reo		Canada	Canada	28	29
Feb 9	Moses Lemay		F	Moses Lemay					26	21

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DAVID R. JONES, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN OF MERRIMACK, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color	Condition	Times Married	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Birthplace of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Name, Official Station and Residence of person by whom married
May 1 '16	Manchester	William I Lawrence Gertrude M Volkman	Manchester Merrimack	22 17			1 1	Bookkeeper	Sturgeon Bay Wis Manchester	Fred O Lawrence Mary A Cavanaugh Paul Volkman Martha Madrack	Sturgeon Bay Wis Germany	Butcher Mill oper.	John Kamm Minister Manchester
May 11	Hillsborough	Joseph E Simard Mary L B Cote	Merrimack Antrim	19 21	White		1 1	Teenster At home	St Pauls Bay P Q St Pauls Bay P Q	Elphie Simard Julia Tremblay George Cote Elouise Cote	St Pauls Bay P Q "	Blacksmith Housewife Farmer	J G Leclerc Clergyman Hillsborough
July 10	Manchester	Lewis LeClaire Emily Valley	Bedford Merrimack	69 60	w	2	2	Laborer Housekeeper	Tobasciville Can Manchester	Mary Merchant Francis Pieno Emily Fontenant George A Bean	Cinqueville Can Nicolette Can Quebec	Housewife Farmer Housewife Laborer Housewife	James T Crowley Catholic Priest Manchester
Jan 1 '17	North Weare	Francis W Bean Augusta V Babbirk	" North Weare	21 20			1 1	Farmer Sch'l Teacher	Merrimack North Weare	Mary E Crooker Jame A Babbirk Rosie M Knight	Henniker Merrimack Pecodiac N B So Stetson Me	Mechanic Housewife Station Agt Housewife	Harvie A Platts Clergyman Merrimack

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DAVID R. JONES, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED in the TOWN of MERRIMACK for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Condition			Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death
		Years	Months	Days		Male	Female	Single, married or widowed				
1916												
Feb 11	James Kennison	84	7	17	Mt Desert Me	M		M	Farmer	James Kennison	Elizabeth Browne	Senile debility
Feb 11	Lewis A Norton	76	9	28	Westfield Ct	"		"	Carpenter	Thomas King	Esther Wilder	Apoplexy
Mch 13	Samuel King	70	5	26	Kenneb kpt Me	"		"	Farmer	John L Bowers	Elsie E Goss	Anemia
Apl 31	Arthur E Bowers	56	2	21	Merrimack	"		"		Nelson Black	Gertude Schneider	Cancer
Apl 20	Francis A Black	63	0	1	"	"	F	W	Laborer	Sylvester Tennant	Sarah Hartshorn	Eclampsia
Aug 29	Charles H Tennant	65	5	3	Lowell Mass	"		M	Loc.Engineer	Joseph Blanchard	Rhoda Goodwin	Chronic nephritis
Aug 11	George E Blanchard	83	4	7	"	"		M	Retired	Eben Colby	Mary Stone	Hypostatic pneumonia
Aug 11	Hazen Colby	75	0	20	Canterbury NH	"		W	Farmer	Asa McMillen	Hannah Roby	Gangrene
Aug 12	Alvin E Bennett	73	1	24	Epping N H	"		W	At home			Heart trouble
Sep 17	Eugenia McM Longa	52	4	2	New Boston "	"		M	Farmer	Henry J Burr	Lydia F Dickey	Fracture frontal bone
Sep 11	Charles A Anderson	37	11	19	Sweden	"		M	Housewife	Nath. Hutchinson	Polly Burnam	Carcinoma
Nov 26	Ethel M Putnam	80	9	23	Bennington NH	"		W	At home	John Stowell	Nora Enlight	Senile debility
Nov 20	Hannah B Lowell	84	7	8	Brookline "	"		W	Farmer	Michael O'Leary		Senile debility
Nov 22	Abner B Stowell	7	1	8	Washington "	"		S				Rheumatism
Nov 29	Daniel L O'Leary	78	3	26	Peabody Mass	"		W	At home	Thomas W Moore	Nancy C Moore	Arterial degeneration
1917												
Feb 5	Margaret A Kittridge	78	3	26	Bedford N H	"		W				

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DAVID R. JONES, Town Clerk

